

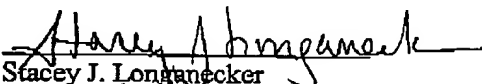
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REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending. Pursuant to the Examiner's September 22, 2005 telephonic request, claims 1, 24 and 27 have been amended, and claims 13, 14 and 25 have been canceled, to expedite allowance of the application. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuation application to pursue patent protection of the original, unamended claims 1, 24 and 27 and the canceled claims 13 and 14.

In view of the above, it is believed that the application, including claims 1- 12, 15-24 and 26-29, is in condition for allowance and notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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